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Dr Sir — A fellow who claimed the name of Clifford & that he originally was a slave & a fugitive etc. etc. delivered an address in the Town Hall of this place last Sabbath P.M. on the W. I. Emancipation movement. The speech itself, I do not doubt, was almost wholly plagiarised from yours or Mr Phillips address at the Anti Slavery gathering at Abington a year ago. It contained among other things, the history of the Somerset case, which I remember Distinctly to have read in the speech of someone — you I think, either at Abington a year ago or twice at some meeting of yours in Mercantile Hall — during the anti-Slavery Efforts of Granville Sharpe in that connection. If the speech readily occurs to your memory & is published in Your paper. I shall be greatly obliged to you if you will forward it to my address. I desire this simply for my private information & because I am

Remember that I forgot to file the Speech referred to in my Scrapbook.

I do not suppose the man is an impostor in any great sense. — he claimed to represent nobody but "E.L. Tiffad" — but I know he recited a speech which I have read in the Literature.

Respectfully Yours
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